

FirstNet Initial Consultation Meeting

Statewide Interoperability Governing Board

Status Report: Initial Consultation Meeting scheduled for October 29, 2014

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FirstNet is coming to Helena on October 29, 2014 for the “Initial Consultation Meeting”

Conference call with FNN on September 3rd. FirstNet representatives David Buchanan, Director of State Consultations, and Claudia Wayne, on assignment from NTIA, discussed a draft agenda. The focus of the Initial Consultation Meeting is on Montana First Responder needs for broadband. ***What broadband services do you use now and what would you like to see added: “what differential can FirstNet bring to you in terms of broadband capacity, coverage and applications”?***

Draft Agenda:

- 1) FirstNet will present a roadmap** for how FirstNet got to today;
- 2) the State will present on the FirstNet/State of Montana governance structure** to include how decisions are made or consensus is achieved;
- 3) Five representatives, four from the local level** representing law enforcement, fire, volunteer fire, and ems; and, **one from the state level (MHP)** present their views on broadband needs in the context of staffing or responding to:
 - Planned public events;
 - Daily incidents; and,
 - Disasters

With these questions in mind:

Do you use broadband now in the environments stated above? And, what differential or added value can FirstNet provide in terms of coverage, capacity and applications? Presenters will have five minutes for presentation (audio and/or visual at the presenters discretion) followed by questions and discussion.

Staff Recommendation:

SIGB appoint board members or alternates—one representing local law enforcement; one for fire and one for volunteer fire; one for MEMSA; and, finally, one from MHP for a state-wide perspective. The representatives are tasked with preparing a 5 minute presentation using the criterion stated under draft Agenda item 3.

4) FirstNet will lead a discussion about “potential users”, a term that is not yet fully defined. Potential users may include: a) school districts, b) electric utilities, c) hospitals, d) public health, e) private ambulance, f) railroads, g) public works such as roads, and water departments; and, h) critical infrastructure, public and private.

FirstNet is asking for your input on potential users. *With what agencies or entities, public and private, do you need to communicate as a first responder?*

5) Presentation and discussion by the FirstNet Outreach Team : Are there opportunities for the FNN Outreach Team to speak at public safety events?

- ***How can the FirstNet Outreach Team support and inform Montana First responders as we work towards a FirstNet Deployment Plan for Montana?***

6) Close with next steps (FirstNet will send us a report on the meeting)

Meeting Attendees:

- SIGB members and alternates are invited. Estimated number = 30
- SIGB and SLIGP staff are invited. Estimated number = 5
- Association Executive Directors are invited. Estimated number = 5
- Interested public and public safety individuals in a non-official capacity. Estimated number = 10

Total estimated attendees = 50

Meeting Date: October 29, 2014

Venue: Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd, Helena, Montana
(406) 457-5500 for reservations, a block of 10 rooms is reserved for
the night of October 28th for out of town SIGB members and alternates

Morning and afternoon refreshments and a working lunch provided.

**Travel and lodging expenses are re-imbursable from the State and Local
Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) for SIGB members and alternates**